

ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
134 West Eagle Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Ralph M. Mohr, Commissioner
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April 27, 2022

Dear Candidate:

Pursuant to §7-116 of the New York State Election Law, you are hereby notified that the official drawing for position on the Primary Election Ballot for Public Offices and Party Offices will be held on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022**, commencing at **10:30am** at the Erie County Board of Elections, 134 West Eagle Street, Buffalo, NY.

You are invited to draw for your position on the ballot, **however it is not necessary that you appear**. In the event you are not present, a representative of the Board of Elections will draw for you.

The drawing shall be subject to any pending or anticipated Commissioners' rulings or court action. In the event any candidate is disqualified after making a determination of the order in which the names of the candidates for the office or position are to be printed, the name of the candidate(s) who follow in order shall be printed in the place so determined for the original candidate(s).

Please call our office at 858.7825 or 858.7842 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Erie County Board of Elections

BALLOT DRAW PROCEDURES

Two Board employees of each party are used to act as drawing secretaries to record drawing results.

The Deputy Commissioners will review the candidates list and drawing with board employees.

A Board employee will read candidates' names aloud to announce each draw. A Board employee of the opposite political party will supervise the drawing of the balls.

Before the drawing, one employee of each political party will count and inspect the Ballot Balls and the Ballot Ball Drum.

The candidate or their representative **must sign in** upon entering the drawing room.

All candidates and their representative are invited to inspect the Ballot Balls and Ballot Ball Drum:

- 1.) Candidates or their representatives may draw for position.
- 2.) If no candidate or representative is present the Board of Elections will draw to decide ballot position.
- 3.) As per §7-116(3), Judicial Delegate and Alternate Delegate and Member of County Committee candidates whose names appear on the same **petition shall be drawn as a team**. Male and female candidates for Member of State Committee will also be drawn as a team. It should also be noted that the names will be printed on the ballot as they appear on the petition.
- 4.) Names of offices and/or election districts and candidates are called aloud. The candidate upon hearing his/her name is invited to turn the handle of the drum holding the numbered balls. The drum is turned counter clockwise to mix the 75 original balls then turned clockwise to allow **one** ball to drop. The number of this **single ball** is called out and put aside. If more than one ball should happen to drop out, the first ball will be deemed to be the number for ballot position. The drawing is repeated until all necessary drawings are completed for that office. The candidate or team with the lowest numbered ball will hold the first ballot position in that office column and then continuing on numerically.

After the drawing the four employees recording the drawing and any interested candidates may review the finding of the draw for its accuracy.